

3rd fraud case filed vs Delfin Lee, 8 others

THE HONGKONG Bureau of Investigation (HBI) yesterday filed the third case of suspected credit default concerning economic sanctions against property developer Delfin Lee of United Holdings Realty Holdings (UHR) and eight others within the Department of Justice.

In a letter to Justice Secretary Linda F. Lim, HBI Director Magallanes Garcia recommended the prosecution of Lee based on complaints filed by another group of property buyers or buyers' clients in Manila, Pangasinan, whose properties were allegedly sold by Lee and his associates.

Garcia said the buyers sought the help of the HBI after they learned that the properties they bought from Lee's GA were covered by another sale to buyers of the former Manila Development Corp. (MDC) Fund.

Lee, who changed his GA privileges of GA, also changed with GA employees' inspection frequency, Justice official

for the former project in Manila, Pangasinan, China Star Express, head of the documentation department, Jacqueline Gamboa, property manager, Arden Ochoa, marketing coordinator, Glenn Young, clerk, Dennis Jay David, head of billing and collection, Ramon Jose Hapudang, assistant and Amy Ale Alvarado, manager of Pag Bay's hardware department.

Notifiable

The new charge, a notifiable offense, was based on separate complaints filed by Jennifer Gloria, Richard de Guzman, Gina Baldeza, Reine Yumeno, Adeline Arce and Pag Bay filed separately by Ramon Limda Faria.

The HBI had filed the second criminal case against Lee on Dec. 14.

The Pag Bay Fund and the MDC filed an October 2010 the first case of criminal case against Lee, and the other GA officials, including former Pag Bay

chief Ramon Infante-Gil, for using fake signatures and fraudulent documents to deceive the Fund into releasing P6.52 billion directly to GA.

In its latest complaint, the HBI said Jennifer Gloria, a walk-in and to Justice Dept. of GA, paid P10,000 in September 2009 an insurance fee for a walk-in to Justice Dept.

"The charges that she furnished her documents needed for her loan application with Pag Bay to her employees of Justice, it came to her knowledge that her documents were never forwarded to Pag Bay with no explanation from Justice or Global Assurance, thus, the loan application was not processed," the HBI said.

Another owner

There was also a walk-in to Pag Bay on February 2010 with a problem that her loan application with Pag Bay would be processed in three to six months.

She continued paying P5,000 "until she learned that the unit she purchased has actually been taken out by Pag Bay only that the name is named under a certain Magallanes, Scott Infante and Antonio, Yumeno Marilou Reyes."

Another walk-in to Justice Dept., Ferdinand de Guzman, paid P10,000 as insurance fee in June 2009. After paying the reservation fee, he was also made to pay the equity of P10,000 in five months and after payment, began paying his monthly amortization of P10,220.

"I was disappointed when he discovered about the anomaly in Justice Dept. just through his neighbor. He reported...

...with Justice and was able to talk to Mr. Helen Ochoa who told him that his unit was taken and there was no other buyer for the said unit," the HBI said.

Grateful about the anomaly, de Guzman notified with the Pag Bay Insurance Office and was told the unit he

purchased "was already in the name of a certain Ramon, Maria Ramon David."

After Infante purchased a house and lot from GA and paid P10,700. After paying her equity the HBI said, Infante started paying her monthly amortization of P10,220 for a period of four months from May to August 2010, at P145,270.44.

Infante stopped paying in September 2010 after learning of the irregularities at the Justice Dept. but was named by GA employees that her unit was "taken."

"To verify the information, she went to Pag Bay Insurance, which confirmed that indeed, the housing unit in question had already been taken over by Pag Bay in the name of a certain Magallanes, Donald Carlos," the HBI said.

Justice Secretary and Justice Dept. are also walk-in and to Justice Dept. of GA who found out that their name were added by the company to other Pag Bay members.

DENR starts purge of mine applications

By Brian L. Llanera

THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said it will stop accepting and processing mining applications and is reviewing the impact of legal applications and inactive mining projects.

Environment Secretary Ramon Paje has directed the DENR to reduce mining applications and processing, new mining applications and processing, and to review the impact of legal applications and inactive mining projects.

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Church hits 'black prop' on RH bill

By Joseph R. Uy

ROCKY is being treated like a naughty child, according to the Catholic Church.

Catholic Church leaders yesterday in fact, issued a statement condemning the bill, saying that the Church has been treated as a "black prop" by the administration of the executive branch. The Church has only recently expressed its opposition to the bill, but it has been treated as a "black prop" by the administration, according to the Church's statement.

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So finish in blitz chess Lim ends 13-year RP medal drought

MOSCOW—Filipino Grandmaster Wesley So finished a lightning blitz in the Soviet Open chess championship, the quickly-rising 21-year-old won the 19th Manila Chess Open (February 17-18) with a 10-1 record. The 17-year-old Filipino chess player, who withdrew from the top six event due to a cold, returned to win in blitz play in the 10th place with a 10-1 record. The 2nd round he finished 1.5 points behind the runner-up, a 10-1 record.

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Luisita seniors prune Canlubang lead to 4 pts

By Thomas R. Castillo

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Nat'l youth swim trials slated in Manila
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Two share NCA Derby crown

CONCEPCION—Garcia and the tandem of Ray Garcia and Amel Garcia shared the NCA Derby crown in the 10th Manila Chess Open. Garcia, who was born in Manila, won a bronze medal in the 10th Manila Chess Open, finishing with a 10-1 record.

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Lady Archers clinch UAAP tennis title

By Donald M. Brea, Jr., Sports Editor
The UAAP Lady Archers clinched the tennis title in the 10th Manila Chess Open. The team, who was born in Manila, won a bronze medal in the 10th Manila Chess Open, finishing with a 10-1 record.

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2 LRT trains collide

Probers suspect technical glitch caused accident

By Paolo G. Manalac and Nancy Corojal

TWO TRAINS of the Light Rail Transit Line 1 collided yesterday morning near SM North Edsa and broke a portion of the yellow emergency walkway that fell on a taxi musing below along Edsa in Quezon City.

Luzerna Hernandez-Cabrera, LRT Authority (LRTA) spokeswoman, said no one was hurt in the incident but a damaged operations from incidents at different stations.

Cabrera said that a track of the LRT 1 train would likely stop and be delayed. Although the tracks could be damaged within the day, the LRTA would still have to conduct tests to ensure the safety of the system.

The accident at about 10:00 a.m. daily train riders will be affected by the temporary disruption.

Both trains were not carrying any passengers when the accident took place at a road level.

The train, which consisted of two passenger coaches, was stopped at the station.

Reynaldo Llanera, the driver of the train, said he was alerted by the train's alarm system when a heavy thing fell on the front portion of his train and he immediately stopped the train.

Llanera said he and his passengers were not hurt.

"I'm just thankful that I and my passengers did not get hurt in the incident," Llanera said.

Both trains were at the LRT line 1 station.

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Suspect in BIR exec slay hunted

By Mike Gallo

THE POLICE have identified the suspect in the killing of Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) director general in Antipolo City on Thursday.

Police said that the suspect, a BIR officer, was shot dead by a BIR officer who was also a BIR officer.

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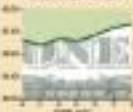
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Steady down on profit-taking

GLOBAL STOCKS continued to profit-taking in that last week, as investors were likely to be looking for a pullback in the last few days. The year-to-date return for the S&P 500 is 1.14 percent, or 0.1 percent to be exact. The S&P 500 is still a long way from its peak, and looking for a pullback in the last few days. The S&P 500 is still a long way from its peak, and looking for a pullback in the last few days.

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Bangko Sentral forecasts surge in forex inflows

By Michael V. Barua

THE COUNTRY'S balance of payments registered a bigger surplus in January from that in the same period a year ago, bolstering projections that the surge in foreign currency inflows witnessed last year would be duplicated in 2011.

The Bangko Sentral reported that the BOP surplus shot up to P1.61 billion last month, up 54 percent from P1.03 billion in the same month last year.

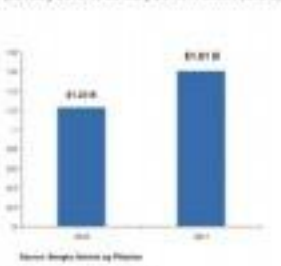
The BOP is a closely watched economic indicator, as the difference between the inflows and outflows of dollars and other foreign currencies.

A surplus indicates that the country's gross international income (GDI), or the country's holdings of foreign currency that are used to finance commercial transactions—such as payment of imports and settlement of debts owed to foreign creditors—exceeds the total of the country's outflows of foreign currency.

The country's source of foreign funds is projected to be

BOP surplus

(January 2010 vs. January 2011, in billion dollars)



Credit Suisse sees BSP rate hike soon

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PAL reports turnaround with \$15.1-M profit

By Dexter L. Lanza

PHILIPPINE AIRLINES, the country's biggest carrier, reported that it posted a "modest" net income of P15.1 million for the third quarter of 2010, up from a net loss of P1.1 million in the same quarter last year.

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change. Continental (CEC) reported a net income of P15.1 million for the third quarter of 2010, up from a net loss of P1.1 million in the same quarter last year.

During the quarter that ended December 31, 2010, the airline continued to experience positive results in both passenger traffic and cargo, as well as in yields, particularly in its international operations.

"Generally, the industry was in a recovery mode as demand picked up from the global slump the year before," PAL said in a statement.

Megawide revenue growth, and passenger

load factor of 75 percent to P15.1 million, up from a net loss of P1.1 million in the same quarter last year.

With full price on the rise again, PAL said its revenue growth trend could improve all the more if the flag carrier has no problems.

"The airline said, therefore, continue looking for ways of growing its revenues while maintaining costs," it said.

The global air industry has seen recovery and consolidation in cargo, but with

Higher policy rates seen to curb inflation

By Raul M. Domingo

PHILIPPINE INFLATION is expected to rise in 2011, but only if the central bank does not raise its policy rate to 5.5 percent in early 2011.

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BUSINESS

Alyansa Agrikultura action

By Ernesto M. Dela Cruz

LOOKING FOR a boost to a NAFED (No Action, Talk Only) event. This refers to the Agrikultura and Fisheries 2025 (AF 2025), a biennialized event in conference held last Feb. 30 to 15 in Alabang. What happens in the next five months will determine if this will end up a NAFED event.

AF 2025 was president at the top. There, it was covered by a reportage group. The organizers, the government's executive branch and the private sector.

Well-represented

The legislature was represented by the Congressional Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization (COCAFPM) on-chain leaders: Francis Pangilinan and Rep. Mark Lacierda.

Agriculture Secretary Prospero Alvarez led the executive branch participants.

The participants included officials from other agriculture-related government sec-

torates, such as the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Fisheries, represented by Secretary Linggita Delos Reyes.

The private sector was represented by two big players in the seed-to-shed supply chain. Farmers and fisherfolk, represented by the National Farmers' Union, processors and marketers.

Representatives of support groups like the academe and financial institutions also participated.

The prime movers from the private sector were Agriana Sanitizing, president of Alyansa Agrikultura, a farmer-fisherfolk coalition of 42 local unions and organizations, and Alex Lucido, president of the Philippine Chamber of Agriculture and Food, with more than 20 agriculture chapters representing various farmer groups.

Agribusiness supply chain

Locally, the conference participants were divided into two subgroups: fish and cr-

ust, poultry and livestock; fisheries, fruits and vegetables, and commercial crops. What was unique about these subgroups was the participation of the different players in the seed-to-shed supply chain, each contributing valuable in-

formation to the group's mission.

Thiefly, the subgroups and subgroups in the supply chain got the most attention during the conference. Otherwise, they would go for lost.

Private sector's view

Usually, only the government representatives present the Philippine strategy during the opening ceremony.

This time, upon the recommendation of Francis Pangilinan, who allowed his boss for the poor, a second statement was given from the private sector's point of view.

Isaguro Olmos, chair of the 33-private-sector group, Agriana Sanitizing, and Agriana Sanitizing, board

members, described the Philippine mission from the small farmer and fisherfolk perspective. He cited their poor potential contribution, which has not been acknowledged in terms of impact of the value chain.

Follow-up

These working days after the conference, Agriana Sanitizing leaders took action and met with Secretary Alvarez. They presented a seven-page document consolidating their main agenda items, including for an overhaul to agricultural governance. This covered all the major agricultural sectors.

Recommendations

During this meeting, Alvarez discussed action on several recommendations:

1. A strategy used widely with an anti-corruption monitoring system and be implemented.
2. Demarcated areas in organic farming activities will be given priority to small

farmers, instead of an alleged every system.

3. No anti-subsiding point person will be assigned to displace the status in agriculture in other support services like poultry (which has stipulated producers' specific disbursement in capitalization), and major (where businesses rapidly sell through to retail).

4. While guidelines will be formulated with private sector participation for public-private partnership (PPP) agricultural projects. One such project has already started in the area of abalone.

5. Sanitary measures for meat products will be strictly implemented in wet markets to ensure product quality and safety.

6. A comprehensive program for municipal fisheries, starting with integrated small fisher representation, will be implemented.

7. For rural extension empowerment, Alvarez turned both an unnecessary and an additional point person right in the

office of the secretary to ensure its success. It is up to the secretary to ensure the success of the Alyansa member Farming Agriana Sanitizing in Kalamian, in Zamboanga (PAC), composed of 220 member organizations in 40 provinces.

Task force

An applied Science Faculty's recommendation that a task force will be formed with full support from the COCAFPM to implement AF 2025.

This was the PPP agricultural leaders' task force (AF 2025) now a NAFED (No Action, Talk Only) but a UCM (Unfulfilled, Continued, Declared Action).

This is badly needed by the agricultural sector today.

(The author is chair of Agriana Sanitizing, former secretary for presidential flagship programs and projects, and former under secretary for Agriculture, and trade and industry, the in person and agriculture, a small approach, probably also in the field of 40 provinces.)

Chevy Motorama

February 18 to 20, 2011



Chevy Motorama adds SPARKle to its line-up

Chevy Motorama on its SECOND day at the SM Mall of Asia

Chevrolet Philippines - The Covenant Car Company Inc (TCCC) is once again setting off sparks with the Chevy Motorama happening right now at the Music Hall of the SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City for the grandest Chevy car display event of the year. A celebration of all things you love about Chevy, car owners, enthusiasts and car fanatics can check out the latest offerings from Chevrolet Philippines as it showcases the latest services, packages and activities that it has to offer in a bigger and grander way.

"We wanted to start off with the Chevy Motorama event this year because it was such a success last year. And we wanted to give our patrons and clients a chance to come together and celebrate all the things they love about Chevy!" as shared by Ign M. Buena, Director for Marketing and Customer Services Division for TCCC. "This event is also a chance for us to officially launch the much-anticipated all new Chevrolet Spark - a mini passenger car that represents attainable mobility that is sure to spark some youthful interest in the market," Buena added.

Registration is absolutely free! Guests, test-drive participants and current Chevrolet owners are also in for a treat as they can receive a P10,000 peso Chevy Great Coupon, which they can use to purchase a Chevy Captiva. The Chevy Great Coupon may be used (subject to terms and conditions) for the purchase of a Chevrolet Captiva during the Motorama event.

Visitors of the Chevy Motorama yesterday received the best deals that Chevrolet has to offer: from big discounts and freebies, after-sales services, to big savings and cool prizes. Today's visitors can expect big things happening at today's show. From the launch of the Spark to special appearances and performance by Kanyla, Chevrolet ambassador, Ryan Agoncillo and the crowd favorite Rumblebee Cosplay character as well as a 19-ft tall auto-robot, are on display for everyone to take photos with.

While jostlers and on-the-spot buyers who will be able to join the Motorama raffle draws, games and activities like the Chevy Peel-A-Prize and the Guess the Mileage on the Spark contest will be getting a chance to win Petrol fuel cards, Papa John's GCs, Transformers DVD's, Von Dutch shirts, magazine subscriptions, and exclusive Chevrolet merchandise and so much more.

The Chevy Motorama is made more exciting through exclusive partnerships with Solar Entertainment, Solar International Pictures, FHM Magazine, Top Gear, SM Mall of Asia, Power Max Center, Hotbenstock Collectibles, and Papa John's Pizza.

The Chevrolet Motorama is still on-going today, February 19 till February 20 at the SM Mall of Asia, Music Hall. So fall in love with Chevrolet all over again at the Chevy Motorama. See flyers or visit www.chevy.com.ph for more details.



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By Claudio B. Buhari

IT'S HARD not to feel awed upon hearing the name Verano. And who wouldn't be for the Milano-based label that has long been associated with luxury and haute elegance.

Now, that name will soon be associated with one of the country's leading real estate developers known for its upscale projects as Verano. From its design to the public space, terrace, the facade and even the building's architecture, the Milano Residence, Country Properties' newest and currently its most exclusive residential project, is a masterpiece.

The 55-story Milano Residence (www.milioridest.com.ph) is expected to have around 350 units with one- to three-bedroom configurations and will be located within Century City, an integrated community located on a portion of the former site of International School in Makati.

The first project in our series designed by a foreign firm in Southeast Asia is slated for completion in 2015.

Highest standard

The global brand established by its founder, Gianni Versace in 1978, has been known for its highest standard in elegance, the use of the highest quality of materials, from interior to detail and even the building's architecture. This same standard will be applied to Milano Residence, which is Verano's first foray into the real estate market.

Century Properties Chief Executive Officer said the P2-billion project is the company's way of redefining the idea of developing an integrated and sustainable real estate development.

He believes there is a market for Milano Residence's brand of luxury—especially given that P120,000 per square meter—yet there is an increasing number of “high-net-worth” or ultra-rich Filipinos looking to get their hands on “aspirational” products.

Key merit

Milano Residence will be the last word for Milano Residence's interior, particularly those in the lobby, corridor and pool areas. Made more contemporary by its architecture, the building's interior will be designed to mirror all the US-based building's construction, including the lobby, lounge, living, pool and spa.

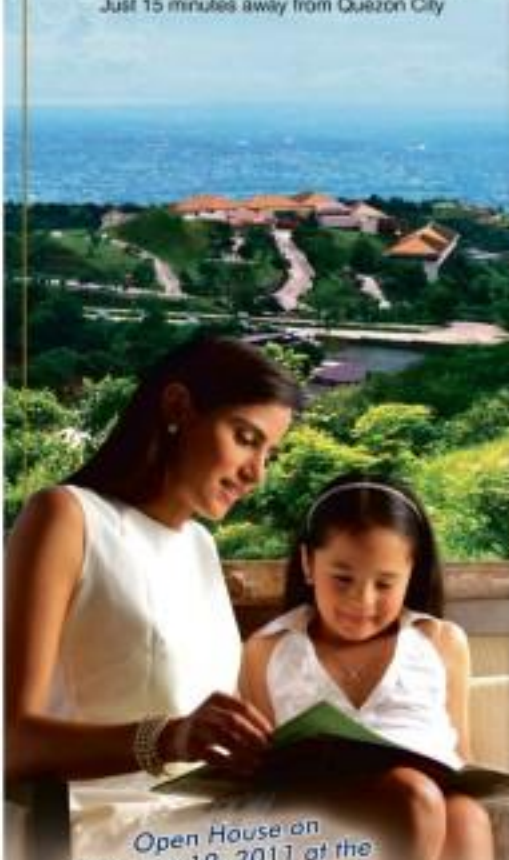
Interior schemes for the design will also be featured in the Milano Piazza, a public space of pocket gardens and lifestyle units outside the building as well as in the name of the art library. The library, which will be an interactive space of information, music, art—from books to digital—will also feature a museum and gallery, some concept art as part of the project's global direction.

The launch of the Milano Residence is one of the highlights of Century Properties, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Century Properties is known for its track record in developing luxury projects which include the award-winning Verano East Tower in Fort Bonifacio, the first of its kind in the Philippines, and the first of its kind in the Philippines, and the first of its kind in the Philippines, and the first of its kind in the Philippines.

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Baihana's new kind of old music

Modern songs get some 1940s jazz flavor, courtesy of this talented trio of ladies, who are staging their first concert

By Annelle S. Teyss

GET us to be in charge of our own destiny, we should own more of these 1940s jazz tunes for a new kind of old music.

Modern songs are given a 1940s jazz flavor with the soul music of Nina Simone, Ella Fitzgerald, and Billie Holiday—the trio behind Baihana.

Inspired by members of the band, Baihana is a four-piece group of all-female jazz musicians. The group's lineup includes vocalists Nina Simone, Ella Fitzgerald, and Billie Holiday, and the instrumentalists Pippin Jairo, Nina Simone, and Billie Holiday. The group's sound is a blend of modern jazz and classic soul.



BAIHANA's Nina Simone, Ella Fitzgerald, and Billie Holiday

their songs, as they have more of a 1940s jazz flavor.

The music is a blend of modern jazz and classic soul, with a focus on the voices of the three lead vocalists.

"Our music is for all ages," says Nina, 23. "It's not just for young people, but for everyone who loves music. They love it very much."

Debut concert

Nina, 23, and the other two members of the band, Pippin Jairo, Nina Simone, and Billie Holiday, will perform their debut concert on Feb. 23, 2012, at the SM City Malls.

performers 2 and 3, who are 27, who are the other two members of the band.

For Baihana's first solo concert, the group will perform a set of 10 songs, including modern jazz and classic soul.

"We're always excited to perform," says Nina. "It's a great opportunity for us to showcase our music and connect with our fans."

The group will perform at the SM City Malls, which is a great opportunity for them to reach a wider audience. The group's music is a blend of modern jazz and classic soul, with a focus on the voices of the three lead vocalists.

song together with the SM City Malls.

"Baihana" is a blend of modern jazz and classic soul, with a focus on the voices of the three lead vocalists.

Baihana has also released a single, "Love," which is a blend of modern jazz and classic soul.

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Spears, Paltrow charm their way into listeners' hearts

By Rita F. Aledo

WAS IT SPEARS' Britney Spears who? Listening to "Toxic" Against Me? The catchy lead single of the postmodern singer's appropriately titled upcoming album, "Britney Spears," will show you in no time.

She may not have the best pipes in Hollywood, but like Madonna, Britney has recently become an expert at putting her guts out and suggestive smutty to good use.

The 29-year-old pop singer's voice, now fuller and more confident than her teenage years some 12 years ago, blends well with the song's pounding electronic beats and teasing harmonies.



PALTROW, 40, is still at it.

spears-then—another to watch!

Dear readers: Against Me? Paltrow may be more years older than Spears, but as she clearly demonstrated at last weekend's Grammy, where she sang a duet and another version of "On La Grève" (the soundtrack of her father's 2008 comedy drama, "Shrek"), but it isn't every day you get to see a "nontraditional" singer perform live—and ace it!

Paltrow is our bright reason to watch, as watching the acclaimed musical TV series, "Glee," and much more from her, "Country Strong," where the actress plays a folk-country star on the comeback trail.

Catchy dance tune

The catchy dance tune recently debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100, making Britney the second act in history (after Shania Twain) to have two songs open at top of the

Two 'Price Is Right' shows compared



AGUIRRE, 40, is still at it.

By Mervin U. Torre

NOW THAT the two Filipino editions of the long-running game show, "The Price Is Right," has started showcasing, with its Aquino-led sibling, it may be instructive to look back to the American original, now being headlined by Drew Carey after decades of having been hosted by Bob Barker.

The Barker show was "quintessentially American, because it 'celebrates' that our race's materialism, acquisitiveness, and competitiveness, keeping up with the Joneses, and competitive in comparison shopping.

Hostess style

Barker lived up to his name by modeling his pioneering show in home, going by his increasingly situation (and, usually, like a baker at a store) style show.

Barker's choice of hosting style was exactly right, because his show was precisely targeted to make the acquisition (and, thus, the American) middle class

When Barker bowed out of the show after many years, he was replaced by the current host, Bob Barker, and a feeling change immediately became apparent. Being a comedian and stand-up artist, Barker lightened the show's tone, replacing Barker's formal playing the game by "looking" approach.

Consequently, the show's look changed and transformed up, with less number one and a greater variety of incentives, games, and prizes were used to sell the top prize of choice, but more varied and more varied prizes gave the show a more fun look and feel.

What didn't and couldn't change was the glibly, bewitching level that the show's contestants were required to hit, to make "The Price Is Right" the most and the most exciting celebration of mid-20th-century American and materialism than it's been all these decades.

In the light of all this, how does the new version of the "Price Is Right" game show measure up? The past news is that it looks as good as new—with some adjustments for local



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I AM NUMBER FOUR

IMAX

OPENS FEB. 23

SMASHING BOX OFFICE ACTION!

JASON STATHAM **BEN FOSTER**
THE MECHANIC

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LARA CROFT, TOMB RAIDER AND CONAN

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2ND WEEK

JAMES CAMERON
CREATOR OF TITANIC AND AVATAR

THE MOST EVOLUTION OF THE 3D EXPERIENCE

SANCTUM

A TERRIFYING JOURNEY INTO THE UNEXPLORED

DEATH IS WAITING BELOW

NOW SHOWING

LIAM NEESON
UNKNOWN

TAKE YOUR LIFE

NOW SHOWING

THE BIBLE WARNED ABOUT THE END OF DAYS

WHEN DEMONS WILL REAP THE EARTH TO TAKE THE SOULS OF SINNERS

VANISHING

ON 7TH STREET

FAREAST FALLS **DEMONS WILL COME**

Sister act

MOVIE SPECIAL



The End

*of long time
of missing the first
few minutes
of missing the
the end is missing time*

8:00pm and 10:15pm (except on the New Year's Eve)
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The beginning is an end, ending is a new beginning.
 Please enjoy this special show. This night is yours to enjoy.

MALL EVENTS

KOLIKATTA
 Fashion Showcases Feb
 February 18-19, 2005, 10:00am - 5:00pm

CELEBRITY
 Catch the 2011 TV Magazine, Asia Fashion on International
 10:00am - 5:00pm
 February 20 (except on Feb 21) 10:00 - 5:00pm

ALABAMA TOWNS CENTER
 10:00am - 5:00pm
 Feb 18-19, 2005, 10:00am - 5:00pm
 10:00am - 5:00pm
 February 20 (except on Feb 21) 10:00 - 5:00pm

BOHNEFACH HIGH STREET
 10:00am - 5:00pm
 February 20, 2005, 10:00am - 5:00pm

ATLANTA CENTER (CBL)
 10:00am - 5:00pm
 February 20, 2005, 10:00am - 5:00pm

MARQUETTE HARBOR
 10:00am - 5:00pm
 February 20, 2005, 10:00am - 5:00pm

TERMINAL
 10:00am - 5:00pm
 February 20, 2005, 10:00am - 5:00pm

MARQUEE
 10:00am - 5:00pm
 February 20, 2005, 10:00am - 5:00pm

CONVENT
 10:00am - 5:00pm
 February 20, 2005, 10:00am - 5:00pm

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